

## Message Text

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R 290850Z JUL 78  
FM AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2564  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
USMISSION USUN  
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRN, AO, CG  
SUBJECT: VISIT TO LUBUMBASHI OF REPRESENTATIVE OF TANGANYIKA  
HOLDINGS

1. KENNETH ROBBIE OF TANGANYIKA HOLDINGS HAS BEEN IN  
LUBUMBASHI FROM JULY 25 TO JULY 29 DISCUSSING PROSPECTS  
OF A REOPENED BENGUELA RAILROAD WITH SHABAN RAILROAD,  
MINING, AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

2. ROBBIE SAID LINE IS OPEN FOR REGULAR TRAFFIC THROUGH  
ANGOLA UP TO ZAIRIAN BORDER. HE SAID BENGUELA OFFICIALS  
IN ANGOLA HAVE HAD OCCASIONAL INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH UNITA  
IN THE AREAS UNITA CONTROLS. TO DATE, UNITA HAS NOT DIS-  
TURBED THE RAIL LINE. ONLY PROBLEM HE MAINTAINED WAS WITH  
BROKEN BRIDGE AT DILOLO BORDER CROSSING. ALTHOUGH BRIDGE  
DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS DURING MEETINGS IN LUBUMBASHI,  
ZAIRIAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS (SNCZ) MADE NO COMMITMENTS  
TO STUDY OR REPAIR. ROBBIE SAID SNCZ SEEMED TO BE  
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WAITING FOR A POLITICAL SIGNAL FROM KINSHASA. WHETHER  
SNCZ OR BENGUELA WOULD BEAR OR DIVIDE COST OF REPAIRS  
WILL DEPEND UPON SPECIFIC LOCATION OF DAMAGE TO BRIDGE.

3. ROBBIE SAID THAT SNCZ OFFICIALS, GECAMINES, SODI-  
MIZA, AND OTHER MINING AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HAVE  
GIVEN HIM A WARM RECEPTION. ALL COMPANIES SAID THEY

HOPED RAILROAD COULD BE OPENED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
THEY ADDED THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE TRAFFIC THROUGH  
LOBITO ROUTE, ALTHOUGH DETAILS OF AMOUNTS ARE UNAVAIL-  
ABLE.

4. ROBBIE WILL BE IN KINSHASA FOR A FEW DAYS BEGINNING  
JULY 29. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED FOR A BRIEFING  
BEFORE PROPOSED VISIT OF SIMONET TO KINSHASA. FROM  
KINSHASA, ROBBIE WILL BE PROCEEDING TO LUSAKA BEFORE RE-  
TURNING TO LONDON.  
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